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College of Education's Master in Early Childhood Education Earns Top 25 by The Best Schools

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Georgia Southern University's College of Education ranked number six on The Best School's "25 Best Online Master in Education in Early Childhood Education Degree Programs." Rankings for the article were determined by several weighted factors including academic excellence, course offerings, faculty strengths and overall reputation. TheBestSchools.org is a leading resource for prospective students seeking a college or university degree.

"We strive for excellence in all our educator and educator leader programs in whatever platform they're offered," commented Thomas R. Koballa, Jr., dean and professor of COE. "We're pleased that our graduate degree in early childhood education has earned a top ranking. The degree gives educators the opportunity to take the next steps in becoming an expert in meeting the diverse needs of students from Pre-K through fifth grade," he continued.

The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education is 100 percent online. COE offers graduate degrees in a traditional face-to-face format, completely online and in a hybrid, or executive, model. "Today's students, whether in-service educators or those working in other professional settings, need the flexibility our programs offer while being guaranteed the most rigorous and highest quality educational experience," Koballa continued.

The M.Ed. in Early Childhood Education is designed for individuals who currently hold a Professional Level Four Certificate or equivalent in early childhood education. The M.Ed. can be completed in one year.

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Youth-At-Risk Center Announces Submissions to New Journal

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The National Youth-At-Risk Center (NYAR), located within Georgia Southern University's College of Education, recently announced a call for submissions for the newly launched National Youth-At-Risk Journal (NYAR Journal). The journal is an open-access, peer-reviewed online journal that publishes educational articles on how to reduce harmful risk conditions and promote the well-being of all youth, especially vulnerable youth in schools, families and communities. The journal is edited by Drs. Cordelia Zinskie, Dan Rea, James Jupp and Eric Landers. Rea and Landers are co-directors of the center.

The National Youth-At-Risk Center also sponsors a conference, now in its 26th year, which is scheduled for March 1-4, 2015, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Savannah, Georgia. This conference showcases nationally recognized keynote and featured speakers who provide professional development for adults serving youth, especially in high-poverty schools (Title I) and communities. Over 120 training sessions provide research-based programs and best practices for creating safe, healthy, caring, and intellectually empowering educational environments that foster the well-being of all children and adolescents.

The journal, published twice a year, is now accepting submissions. Although submissions are accepted on a continuous basis, those received by March 1 will receive priority consideration for publication in the Spring, 2015 issue. [Click here for more information on the journal.](#)

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